

**TOWN OF LA POINTE
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 2013
AT TOWN HALL AT 5:30 PM**

Called to order at 5:31 PM

Present: Nick Nelson, Jim Patterson, Greg Nelson, Ham Ross

Absent: Larry Whalen

Staff Present: Keith Sowl, Pete Clark, Jen Croonborg-Murphy, Rick Reichkitzer

Public Present: Dave Thomas, Holly Tourdot, Marty Curry, John Carlson, Lisa Potswald, Charlie Brummer

I. Public Comment A* None

II. Town Administrator's Report dated April 9, 2013 presented by Pete Clark

Clark reported the progress of the Property Tax Exemption Legislation: the bill will be introduced in both the Wisconsin House & Senate either this week or early next. It is a bi-partisan bill co-sponsored by representatives from Washington Island.

Clark also reported on his discussions with Jeff Olson, Army Corps Chief of the Northeastern Region.

"Olson indicated that the meetings with Bad River & Red Cliff [reservation representatives] took place last week at which it was, Olson indicated, that the matter of issuance would be announced and a plan for moving forward with the zone/procedure document would be undertaken."

III. Public Works

A. Roads

1. Foreman's Report March 9-April 5, 2013: presented by Town Foreman Keith Sowl and placed on file by unanimous consent. Nick Nelson asked about the progress of the plumbing at the Big Bay Town Park comfort station. Sowl indicated that the building should still be available for use by June 1, 2013. Sowl responded in his report to recent allegations of damage in the pilots' lounge at the airport, stating that the report of damage had been exaggerated. He went on to say that "There was a small puddle at the base of the south wall, with water amounting to less than a gallon, after which a dehumidifier was placed in the lounge which picked nothing." He added, however, that drainage could continue to be a problem there. Sowl also asked for Board authorization to obtain estimates for a new sign to replace the "Big Bay Town Park" sign that is rotted. He would like to get estimates from Arnie Mackey Construction for the cost of pillars that match the new buildings inside the Park. After that Town Crew Member Scott Grabarek would create the wooden remainder of the sign. The consensus of the Board was to grant that authorization.

2. Bid Opening RE: Griggs Approach Ramp Replacement: opened by Town Chair Greg Nelson. There were three bids: Stone Creek Construction of Luxemburg, Wisconsin, with a bid of \$186,104; Nelson Construction of La Pointe, Wisconsin, with a bid of \$109,771; and Nelson Construction Alternate Bid [compliant with the Bid Notice] in the amount of \$99,619.00 The Nelson Con. Alternate Bid called for using concrete planks instead of flexible armor matting, which Nelson felt would hold up better to the wave action of the Lake. The Board agreed, Chair Nelson stating that the need for a coffer dam would be eliminated with the Nelson Alternate Bid. Both Nelson Con. Bids included a proviso that any additional gravel needed beyond what the Town would supply would be billed at \$80 a cubic yard.

Foreman Sowl stated that he felt the matting would have been better because it was to have been dug into the lake bed. He feels that the rip rap proposed by Nelson Construction could be a hazard to boaters.

Chair Nelson responded that the drawing submitted by Nelson Construction shows a cross-section of the lake bed showing that the rip rap will be three feet down in the water. .

Motion to accept Nelson Construction Alternate Bid of \$99,619, with an additional \$80/cu.yd. for additional gravel supplied by Nelson Construction, contingent upon the approval of additional highway expenditures by the Town Electors at the Annual Town meeting. JP/HR 3A 1 Ab [NN] MC

B. Parks

1. Contract with Nelson Surveying RE: Big Bay Town Park Road right of way project: Motion to approve the contract with Nelson Surveying in the amount of \$3360 with a \$1000 retainer. NN/JP 4A MC

2. Request for wedding on the beach RE: August 31, 2013: consensus of the Board to allow a wedding on the Beach on 8/31/13 for up to 20 people provided the public is still allowed to use the beach.

C. MRF

1. MRF Supervisor's Report April 2013: postponed till April 23, 2013 Regular Town Board meeting

D. Airport

1. Industrial Zone rental of space: motion to authorize a one-year contract at a cost of \$1500 for the rental of space to White Construction Company of Beaver Dam, WI, for the purpose of storing equipment while the 2013 fiber optic project is being completed. NN/HR 4A MC

IV. Committees/Commissions

A. Zoning

1. ZA's Report March 12-April 5, 2013: presented by Zoning Administrator Jen Croonborg-Murphy and placed on file by unanimous consent.

ZA Murphy reported that the new town vehicle has been purchased at a cost of \$8275.99 including \$2200 [\$3724.01 under budget] in trade-in value for the retired Mercury Mountaineer. The budgeted amount for this was \$12,000.,

The Zoning Report also mentioned the possibility of a joint meeting with the Town Plan Commission and the Town Board. That meeting was tentatively scheduled for April 25, 2013, at 2:15 PM.

2. Hiring of Zoning Administrator Assistant: motion to accept the recommendation of the Zoning Administrator and hire Lisa Potswald as the Zoning Administrator Assistant HR/NN 4A MC
Motion to set the wage of the Zoning Administrator Assistant at \$12.56 per hour for 800 hours per year, with a start date of April 10, 2013. JP/NN 4A MC

B. Harbors

C. Committee on Local Food System

D. Town Plan Commission RE: retiring Town Board member: Consensus that the Town Board would prefer to have a Town Board member as a member of the Town Plan Commission; once Marty Curry is seated as a member of the Town Board, he will be asked to take this position.

V. Town Hall Administration

A. Budget Report: March, 2013 approved by motion as a draft. JP/NN 4A MC

B. Attachment A to 2013 Wage Resolution RE: Invasive Species Control Intern: approved and adopted by motion for a wage rate of \$13/hr. [funding to come from a Madeline Island Wilderness Preserve grant] JP/NN 4A MC

C. Resolution #2013-0904A Creating a Community Awards Program Committee: approved & adopted by motion. HR/NN 4A MC

D. Resolution #2013-0904B Pro-rating the Compensation of Board Supervisors in the month of April: approved & adopted by motion JP/HR 4A MC

E. Appropriate Use of Social Media: Motion to authorize the Town Clerk to post to the Town website links to youtube videos of public Town Board meetings and committee meetings. NN/JP 4A MC
Nick Nelson proposed that for as little as \$500 the Town could purchase videotaping equipment and provide live streaming video of Town Board meetings. N. Nelson is to research this and present his findings at the Regular Town Board Meeting on April 23, 2013.

VI. Vouchers approved by motion in the amount of \$20,839.96 HR/JP 4A MC

VII. Alternative Claims March 2013: approved by motion in the amount of \$89,304.53 with Library Alternative Claims of \$8782.08. JP/NN 4A MC

VIII. Treasurer's Report of March 31, 2013 approved by motion showing a balance of \$1,024,283.41 JP/NN 4A MC

IX. Minutes

A. Regular Town Board Meeting 3/12/13: approved by motion with one correction. HR/JP 3A 1
Ab. [NN] MC

- B. Regular Town Board Meeting 3/26/13: approved by motion with two corrections JP/HR 3A
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X. Police

A. Police Department

- 1. Police Chief's Report April 4, 2013: motion to place on file HR/JP 4A MC

XI. Emergency Services

- A. Fire Chief's Report April 8, 2013: placed on file by unanimous consent

XII. New Agenda Items for Future Meetings

- A. Community and Economic Development Project List
- B. Email from Holly Tourdot RE: spraying for invasive species control
- C. MRF Supervisor's Report
- D. Selection of Committee to select Community Appreciation Award & Town of La Pointe
Hall of Fame recipients
- E. Discussion of the Town website

XIII. Public Comment B**

XIV. Lawsuits & Legal Issues

XV. Liquor & Operators' Licenses

XVI. Adjourned at 6:43 PM

Submitted by Patty Hobin, Town Clerk

Approved as submitted on 5/14/13

Patty Hobin, Town Clerk